

I understand that the FCC is considering changes to the licensing arrangements for the 3650-3700MHz band. I am a communications scholar and media activist and see great potential for community-based communications in the burgeoning wireless networking field. I am concerned that changes to spectrum policy should be in a manner that maximizes opportunities for community and individual use of wireless networking.

I wish to urge that any changes to the rules for the 3650-3700MHz band should minimise the barriers for entry to this band. In particular I would not that a 'first-in-time first-in-line' regime would be inappropriate and would give an advantage to currently well-funded operators. Such a barrier to entry would cause difficulties for many members of the community, particularly for smaller operators, those not operating commercial operations or who are not currently well established. High-power operations given status under such a rule would prevent the use of spectrum for the many low-power purposes.

The primary function of this band, as I see it, is low-power transmissions at the community level. Advantages for larger and 'first-in' operators would run contrary to this purpose and provide a dangerous precedent for future spectrum policy in relation to unlicensed bandwidth.

Sincerely.

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